ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

MITIGATING SELF-PROPAGATING E-MAIL VIRUSES

5   A method, system, and program for mitigating self-propagating e-mail viruses are

provided. A request to send an electronic mail message with a file attachment to intended

recipients is received. A characteristic of the intended recipients are compared with a maximum

recipient limit for the file attachment. If the characteristic of the intended recipients exceeds the

maximum recipient limit for the file attachment, then a sender authorization is requested prior to

10   sending the electronic mail message. The sender authorization is required such that if a virus is

attempting to self-propagate by sending the electronic mail message, the attempt is mitigated.